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Recognizing a Longtime Leader

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Dear Friends:

Winter in Tucson! It is overcast and cloudy one day and warm and sunny the next. Although it can be an inconvenience to carry a sweater or jacket “just in case”, we can be glad we aren’t shoveling snow! While my kids certainly love to enjoy the novelty of snow, I am glad our season is mild and does not involve the intense preparation of winter in the East and Midwest.

Of course, our climate is just one of the reasons our region is a favorite get-away for winter visitors. The Gem and Mineral Show began last week. The Tucson Convention Center is home to the several of the major shows, Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, AGTA GemFair Tucson, and Gem & Jewelry Exchange, as well as the Official Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase Concierge. Throughout the years the Gem Show has from one show to events at over 40 locations. It’s a treasure hunter’s paradise, and a fun family activity. I encourage you to park at one of the many lots downtown and use the free Gem Ride. There is more information on the Gem Ride here: http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/parkwise/GR_4-routes_013014.pdf and here <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/announcement/use-gem-ride-free-shuttle-gem-shows>

On the heels of the Gem & Mineral Show... the 89th Annual La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Tucson Rodeo will kick off its events February 15th. Culminating on February 23, the Rodeo is a PRCA-sanctioned event that draws participants and spectators worldwide. We appreciate our visitors, who come seeking refuge from the cold and stay for the fun. Since the City’s General Fund comes directly from sales tax revenue, buy local and bring a friend!

Finally, 20 years after his death... César Chávez Holiday, this is the year and it is the right thing to do.

In Community,

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HONORING CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ

SAVE THE DATE! EVENTS HONORING CHAVÉZ

This is the year, I've asked my colleagues on the Council to establish a City of Tucson day of service that recognizes our native Arizonan, Cesar E. Chavez. Called "one of the heroic figures of our time" by Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Chavez was an American hero who had a vision of gaining justice through peaceful protesting and organizing his community who were tirelessly laboring in the fields. His accomplishments include the foundation of the United Farm Worker union with Dolores Huerta, committed to earning basic rights for workers laboring in the fields. He is a social justice icon who organized around the issues of workers' rights, environmental justice, and broader civil rights issues including women's rights.

Please join us during these exciting events leading up to **March 31, 2014- Cesar Chavez' Birthday!** Visit <https://www.facebook.com/ArizonaCesarChavezCoalition> for more information. You can help support the Holiday by submitting a letter of support to Mayor and Council by emailing cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov with your views about acknowledging Chavez as a city holiday urging them to vote YES on March 4th!

Tuesday March 4th - Dolores Huerta Luncheon (International Women's Day- YWCA @ 11:00 AM)

March 4th - Mayor and Council vote to approve Chavez Holiday (City Hall @5:30 PM)

March 24th-March 28th - Cesar Chavez Conference Week (workshops in schools)

Saturday, March 29th - Cesar Chavez March & Rally (Will begin at Pueblo High School @ 9:00 AM)

CELEBRATE WITH DOLORES HUERTA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Arizona Cesar E. Chavez Holiday Coalition is proud to present the first ever:

Dolores Huerta International Women's Day Luncheon & Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, March 24, 11 a.m. at the YWCA, 525 N. Bonita Ave. To purchase tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolores-huerta-international-womens-day-luncheon-awards-ceremony-tickets-10230151659>

~ The guest of honor is Dolores Huerta ~

We hope to share and educate the community on the legacy of Dolores Huerta and honor local women in the struggle for civil rights for all.

In addition to honoring Dolores Huerta the Coalition will also offer the following recognitions to honor women in our community that have been doing great work in the field of social justice:

- Consuelo Aguilar Esperanza Award: Honoring a young woman leader 25 years or younger that demonstrates strong activism, love of community, and represents great hope for our collective future.
- Si Se Puede Legacy Award: Given to a woman leader that has 15 years or more of advocacy in our community, and a long term history of activism on social justice issues.

We hope you can join us! All proceeds for this event will go to support the Arizona Cesar E. Chavez Holiday Coalition, and help finance the annual Cesar Chavez March & Rally, as well as the Cesar Chavez youth conference in local schools.

UPDATES

APPLY ONLINE FOR SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT



Pima County is currently taking applications for its popular summer youth employment program. Youth between the ages of 14 and 21 can earn minimum wage and gain valuable work experience or earn elective high school credits in math, reading and writing.

Apply online at <https://secure.pima.gov/summeryouth> or pick up an application form at a local high school, community center or library. Friday, March 14, 2014 is the deadline to apply and to set up an assessment test. For more information, please call the Summer Youth Programs hotline at (520)798-0546.

TAKE PAG REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Do you feel your neighborhood needs more sidewalks, lighting and bike paths? Would you like to see expanded transit and roads better maintained and improved? The Pima Association of Governments (PAG) has created an online survey to gain public feedback for use in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2045RTP>.

The survey will be online until mid-March, 2014.

The 2045 RTP will consider the regional transportation network listed below. The RTP will guide how transportation funds are spent in the community.

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| ⇒ Land use and growth forecasts | ⇒ Transportation safety |
| ⇒ Public transportation | ⇒ Bikeways and sidewalks |
| ⇒ Congestion management | ⇒ Aviation improvements |
| ⇒ High-capacity transit | ⇒ Highways and arterials |
| ⇒ Transportation finance | ⇒ Roadway maintenance |

For more information visit at www.pagregion.com

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WIN COMPOSTING BINS



Tucson-area schools with gardens and other community gardens can win one of four compost bins by submitting photos on the Environmental Services Do More Blue Tucson Facebook page. Entries can be made into one of two categories, best school garden or best community garden. Winners will be recognized by Mayor Jonathan Rothschild.

To enter the contest, a representative of the school or garden must first go to [Facebook.com/DoMoreBlueTucson](https://www.facebook.com/DoMoreBlueTucson) and “like” the page. Then click the contest tab, which will lead to the entry form. Voting ends February 14th, the photos with the most “likes” in each category will win. After the contest, remaining entries in both categories will have the chance to win a compost bin through a random drawing. For more information contact Cristina Polsgrove at (520)791-3171.

HABITAT TUCSON HOME REPAIR LOAN PROGRAM



Habitat Tucson has begun a new, innovative project, the Housing Opportunities Loan Fund. The fund will lend to homeowners homes who need to make a major repairs like a new roof, plumbing/electric replacement, etc. Qualified homeowners will be able to borrow as little as \$10,000 and as much as \$30,000 for repairs. Funding comes from local investors and charitable organizations. Anna Cox, resident of A Mountain Community in Ward I is a recent HOLF recipient.

To learn more contact Habitat for Humanity Tucson at (520)326-1217 or www.habitattucson.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HabitatTucson>.

To read Anna's story http://azstarnet.com/news/local/k-loan-helping-habitat-for-humanity-repair-homes/article_1e70c06e-ba85-5886-9303-71b71b4bfod3.html#.Uup1JPFioBE.facebook

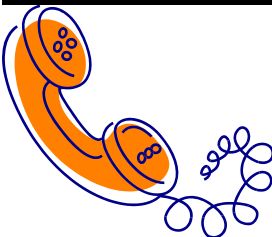
SEEKING RELATIVES OF FELIX LUCERO

Tucson Parks and Recreation is seeking relatives of Garden of Gethsemane artist Felix Lucero for an Artwork Restoration Celebration on February 25 at 3 p.m. Felix Lucero passed away in 1951.

Felix Lucero made a promise on a battlefield in WWI that if he survived his injuries, he would spend the rest of his life making art to honor God. Tucson's iconic Garden of Gethsemane is Felix Lucero's moving tribute to survival. Finished in 1946, the life-size sculptures have survived through vandalism, weather and urban growth and several relocations. For over 30 years the Garden has been under the care of the City's Parks and Recreation Department. With the support of the local community, including the Knights of Columbus and Tucson-Pima Arts Council, the artwork has been through a lengthy restoration progress. The celebration on February 25 will recognize everyone involved in the process. For more information, contact Peg Weber at (520)791-4873.



SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LINE GOES LIVE



Thinking of starting a business? Want to relocate or expand your business? Contact the City's Small Business Assistance Line at (520)837-4100 or econdev@tucsonaz.gov. The City Manager's Office of Economic Initiatives works with callers to answer questions and offer guidance on popular topics including:

- Recent changes to city requirements or processes
- Processes for licensing, planning and permitting businesses
- Connections to City staff and resources that can offer solutions
- Refer and connect to additional business resources available at the local, state and federal levels.

ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Ward 1 is currently seeking to fill 2 appointments to the City's Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Commission. One appointee must be a business owner or manager from a company located within the City of Tucson that has 100 employees or less or a representative from an organization located within the City of Tucson that represents the interests of small business. The other appointee must live or have a business located within the boundaries of Ward I. To learn more about the Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Commission visit the City of Tucson's website and look for Boards and Commissions tab. For more information on the vacancies, please contact Diana Rhoades at (520)791-4040 or ward1@tucsonaz.gov.

2/15/14 JOBPATH OUTREACH EVENT



Feeling stalled in your job? Would you like to gain more training and education? JobPath is holding an Outreach Event on Saturday, February 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at El Pueblo Activity Center 101 W. Irvington Rd. (Irvington Rd./6th Ave.) Learn about opportunities for education and job training: increasing English skills, career and college readiness, GED preparation and options for funding to attend college level classes. Career opportunities include Aviation Mechanic, Dental Assistant, Registered Nurse and more. In addition, community agencies including Pima Community College, Pima County Library, and Pima County OneStop will offer information on programs. For more information contact JobPath at (520)324-0402 or info@jobpath.net

LOW COST TREES

The Trees for Tucson program is now accepting applications for low-cost trees for delivery in the spring planting period. While trees can be planted throughout the year in the Tucson area, lower temperatures and moister soil after summer monsoons make for great tree planting weather throughout the fall.

To qualify for low-cost home shade trees, residents must be in the Tucson Electric Power Co. or Trico Electric Cooperative electric service area, and agree to plant the trees within 15 feet of the west, south or east side of the home. Cost is \$8 for TEP customers www.treesfortucson.org, \$15 for Trico www.trico.coop.

Applicants may select from a variety of native and desert adapted trees including mesquite, palo verde, desert willow, catclaw acacia, and red push pistache. New applicants are welcome. Residents who have received low-cost trees in the past are also eligible to participate once each calendar year, per address.

Trees are delivered within approximately 4-6 weeks, and will be at least 3-5 feet tall. Instructions for tree planting and care are provided at the time of delivery.

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City of Tucson Resource Directory – 792-CITY (2489), www.tucsonaz.gov

Business Licenses and Information: 791-4566, www.tucsonaz.gov/business

City Attorney: 791-4221

City Clerk and City Council Agendas: 791-4213, <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

City Courts Administrator: 791-4189 City Prosecutor: 791-4104

City Manager's Office: 791-4204

Code Enforcement: (520) 791-5843, Report violations online <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>

Disability Transportation and Services: 791-5409

Downtown Tucson Partnership: 837-6504

Environmental Services (Trash, Household Hazardous Waste, Brush and Bulky), 791-3171

Elections: 884-8683

Fire Department: 791-4828 Emergency: 911

Graffiti, 792-2489 – Graffiti@tucsonaz.gov Graffiti on State Property? Call 388-4200

Housing and Community Development: 791-4171

Neighborhoods – Form one? Request a free rolloff? Call 791-4605

Neighborhood Watch - Police Department Community Services Officer – 837-7241

Parks and Recreation: 791-4873

Parking Tickets: 791-4216 103 E. Alameda St. Pay by phone: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/cwp/>

Planning and Development Services Director: 791-5612

Police Emergency - 911 Police (Non-Emergency), 791-4444

Pothole Reporting, Street Lights (report outages - give pole number or address by the light pole), Street Maintenance 791-3154 or tdotstreetstrafficmaint@tucsonaz.gov

Recycling, 791-5000, <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>

Senior Citizens Services: Pima Council on Aging – 790-7262

Sewer (Pima County), 740-6609

Small Business Enterprise Program: 791-4593

Tucson Clean and Beautiful (adopt a park or street to cleanup), 791-3109 – Jean Hickman

Voting district? Find your elected officials by entering your address <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>

Water Department Customer Service: 791-3242